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Approved Minutes for the March 22th, 2016 meeting of PSC

Meeting of Professional Standards Committee
12:30 -1:45 P.M. in Bush 123

Committee Members Terms and Affiliation

Rosanna Diaz, 2014 – 2016, Humanities Rep
Fiona Harper, 2014 – 2016 Science Rep
Anne Murdaugh, 2014-2016, at Large Rep
Eren Tatari, 2014-2016, at Large Rep
Anne Stone, 2014 – 2016 CPS
Susan Montgomery, 2015 – 2017, Expressive Arts Rep
Eric Smaw, 2015 – 2017, at Large Rep
Stacey Dunn 2015-2017 at Large Rep
Nathan Juhos 2015-2016, SGA Rep
Amy McClure 2015 – 2017, Social Sciences

Committee Members in Attendance

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- I. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 12:31**
- II. Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Approved minutes from March 8th, 2016.
- III. Old Business:**
 - a. None.
- IV. New Business:**
 - a. Anonymous concerns about the Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Grants.
 - i. Discussed the desirability for SFCR director to rotate. There have been concerns about keeping directorship under the purview of the same department and same faculty member for several years.
Reviewed history of the program and how directorship/training for

directorship has been handled thus far. Acknowledged the advantages of having the same administrative assistant each year. There was consensus that the position of director should rotate, but a clear idea on how rotation should occur in a fair and efficient manner is needed.

- ii. Expressed gratitude for the generosity of the past and current directors and agreed that PSC should recommend exploring compensation models for directorship in the future.
 - iii. Agreed that interdisciplinary review of proposals is needed, and that PSC, an interdisciplinary committee, could achieve this more effectively with a refined review process. Committee considered potential value of a rubric, possible use of a blind review process, or other evaluation tools for enhancing objectivity in the peer review process.
 - iv. Discussed the need for a clear and consistent appeals process so that students and faculty are more uniformly encouraged to enhance their submissions for reconsideration before final funding decisions are made.
 - v. Concurred that next year's PSC needs to fully review the process for evaluating and ranking grants and create clear and consistently applied standards and procedures for *all* grant proposals handled by PSC.
- b. Jonathan Miller's Open Education Research Grant – discussed and approved grant proposal.
 - c. FITI Grants – Amy Sugar attended PSC meeting to review the two grant proposals. Committee approved acceptance of both FITI grant proposals.

V. Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm